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1. PARIS TALKS

HEAD VN DEL PHAM HIEN IN BANGKOK-MONITORED BROADCAST SAYS
US MUST GIVE UP "ERRONEOUS POLICY" TOWARD VN BEFORE RELS
CAN BE ESTABLISHED. ADDED WILL CONDUCT TALKS IN "ATTITUDE
OF GOOD FAITH," BUT DECLINED PREDICT OUTCOME; PHAM HIEN
ARRIVED PARIS FRI (WP; AP, NYT).

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2. INDOCHINA

VN 4/30 OBSERVED 2ND ANNIVERSARY SAIGON TAKEOVER W/RALLIES/
NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENTS/BROADCASTS LAUDING "GREAT SUCCESSES"
(AP NYT, WP--BOTH 5/1).

IN AWA KOMINATO, KAMM (NYT 5/1) INTERVIEWED NGUYEN KONG

HOAN, MEMBER VN NATL LEGISLATURE WHO ESCAPED BY BOAT TO JAPAN. HOAN WAS MEMBER PEACE BLOC OPPOSITION GROUP UNDER GVN; TELLS OF "PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT" FOLLOWING COMMUNIST VICTORY; CHARGES COMMUNISTS W/ESTABLISHING REIGN OF TERROR. HOAN ASKS US GIVE MIL AID TO VIETS WHO WANT OVERTHROW COMMUNISTS; OPPOSES NORMALIZING US RELS W/VN/ GIVING HANOI ECON AID.
PHILIP SPROUSE, FORMER US AMB TO CAMBODIA, DIES AT 71 (WP; AP, SUN, BOTH 5/1).

3. PHILIPPINES

WK-LONG TALKS TO SETTLE MOSLEM GUERRILLA WAR BREAK DOWN (WP 5/1). VILLADOLID (NYT MANILA 5/1) REPORTS 6-MO DIPL EFFORT TO END MOSLEM INSURGENCY FAILED WHEN PANEL ISLAMIC NEGOTIATORS ABANDON TALKS/PREPARE RETURN ME. SOME SPECULATE TALK BREAKDOWN MAY AFFECT PHIL OIL SUPPLY FROM ME/HOSTILITIES IN S PHILS MAY RESUME.

FONSECY ROMULO SAYS HOPES NEGOTS ON MOSLEM REBELLION WILL BE RESUMED. GOVT SOURCE STATES MOSLEM DELEGATION, LED BY LIBYAN FONMIN, LEFT FOR KL TO CONSULT MORO NLF HEAD. NEGOTS REPORTEDLY BROKE DOWN OVER WHAT ROLE VARIOUS GROUPS WOULD PLAY IN S PROV GOVTS (AP, NYT).

4. INDONESIA

SUHARTO APPEALS TO PEOPLE TO VOTE/PLEDGES UPHOLD DEMOCRACY/ CONSTITUTIONAL RULE (WP; AP, NYT).
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5. AUSTRALIA

PM FRASER HINTS GOA SOON COULD ALLOW MINING/EXPORT URANIUM UNDER STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES (WP).

FIRST ABO STATE GOV, SIR DOUGLAS NICHOLLS, RESIGNS DUE ILL HEALTH (SF CHRON 4/23).

6. JAPAN

JAPANESE SOURCES SAY USSR HAS ABROGATED 21-YR-OLD FISHING TREATY, EFFECTIVE YR FROM NOW (WP 4/30).

TOKYO GOV MINOBE/3 DEPUTIES HAD SALARIES CUT 30 PCT FOR MO AS APOLOGY TO PUBLIC AFTER SERIES BRIBERY CASES (AFP, WP 5/1).

FOLLOWING TOYOTA'S LEAD, JAPANESE-MADE DATSUN/CHRYSLER IMPORTERS RAISE PRICES IN US MARKET APPROX 2 PCT DUE DROP IN DOLLAR VALUE AGAINST YEN. HONDA EXPECTED MAKE SIMILAR MOVE THIS WK (WSJ).

IN ITEM ON LONDON ECON SUMMIT, SUN'S PINE STATES MTG'S MAIN PURPOSE, ACCORDING WH PLANNER, IS TO CONVINCE JAPAN/W EUR THAT LEADERS 7 NATIONS INVOLVED "KNOW WHAT THEY'RE

DOING"/WORKING ALONG SAME LINES. RE JAPAN IN PARTICULAR, SAYS EUR EXPECTED URGE TOKYO BUY MORE FROM EC/US WILL PRESS FOR VOLUNTARY RESTRICTIONS ON TV EXPORTS.

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) NOTES DESPITE MORE-THAN-TWOFOLD INCREASE IN GAS PRICE SINCE 1970 (NOW 1.68 PER GAL),NUMBER CARS SOLD IN JAPAN NEARLY DOUBLED IN SAME PERIOD. HIGHLY EFFICIENT/RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM SEEMS NO MATCH UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR JAPANESE DESIRE OWN GAS-GUZZLING US-MADE CARS.

IN 5/1 ARTICLE, SEIDEN REPORTS PRE-WAR "ZAIBATSU" INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATE HAS BEEN REGROUPING/EXPANDING SINCE 1952 W/GOJ'S TACIT CONSENT/COOPERATION. RESULT HAS BEEN INCREASING CONCENTRATION ECON POWER IN FEW HANDS. MITSUBISHI/MIT-SUI/SUMITOMO/YASUDO NOW MERELY ALLIANCE, HOWEVER, W/O LEGAL UNITY/CONTROL IN HANDS ALL-POWERFUL FAMILY DYNASTY.

7. KOREA

CALIF REP MCFALL DENIES LETTERS WRITTEN SEOUL IN PRAISE TONGSUN PARK, WHO GAVE HIM 4,000 DOLS, CONSTITUTE KNOWLEDGE OF INFLUENCE-BUYING BY FON AGENT. MCFALL SAYS LETTERS WRITTEN TO PRES PARK AT REQUEST TONGSUN PARK ONLY TO PRAISE HIS ROLE IN ARRANGING SALE CALIF RICE TO SK (AP, WSTAR 5/1).

FORMER OHIO REP STANTON HAS WITHDRAWN AS LEGAL COUNSEL TO KOREAN EMB BECAUSE DIPLOMATS THERE REJECTED HIS ADVICE TO COOPERATE W/DOJ IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL PROBE. AFTER SEVERAL MTGS W/RECENTLY-RECALLED AMB HAHM, STANTON DROPPED CASE; BOTH HE/EMB DECLINED DISCUSS ISSUE (HALLORAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN WSTAR, BOTH 5/1).

NYT'S MALCOLM (SEOUL) REPORTS US/S KOREAN NEGOTIATORS WILL BEGIN SEOUL TALKS 5/2 TO WORK OUT SOME KIND SHOE EXPORT REGULATIONS. IN FOUR DAYS OF TALKS, SK EXPECTED ARGUE COMPLAINTS FROM US SHOE INDUSTRY MISLEADING/EXAGGERATED. NOTES TALKS' OUTCOME COULD EFFECT 37,000 JOBS IN SK'S SHOE INDUSTRY.

SPEAKING AT LAW DAY CEREMONIES AT UNIV OF GEORGIA 4/30, SECSTATE SAID US, IN PROMOTING HUMAN RTS ABROAD, MUST BE REALISTIC/AVOID RIGIDITY IN TRYING IMPOSE VALUES ON OTHER COUNTRIES. SPEECH SEEN IN PART AS EFFORT CLARIFY UNCLASSIFIED

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HUMAN RTS POLICY UNDER FIRE BY LIBERAL GROUPS WHO COMPLAIN US NOT GOING FAR ENOUGH IN CUTTING OFF US AID TO FRIENDLY DICTATORSHIPS LIKE SK, WHICH VIOLATE HUMAN RTS BUT WHOSE SECURITY DEEMED IMPORTANT TO US (GWERTZMAN, NYT 5/1).

8. CHINA

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (5/1) REPORTS ADMIN OFFICIALS DISCLOSED TALKS UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN US/PRC OFFICIALS (I.E. GLEYSTEN/HAN HSU) ON FINANCIAL CLAIMS ISSUE-- CARTER ADMIN'S FIRST IMPORTANT NEGOTS W/CHINESE. OFFICIALS BELIEVE NO BREAKTHROUGH NEAR/MAY TAKE LONG TIME REACH SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON HIGHLY COMPLEX ISSUE THAT HAS DEFIED EASY SOLUTION SINCE TALKS BEGAN IN '73. TALKS RESUMED LAST MO.

GWERTZMAN SAYS SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE HOLDS UP NORMAL TRADE RELS. PRC WANTS US KEEP 80 MILLION DOL BLOCKED CHINESE ASSETS AND CHINESE RETAIN 200 MILLION DOL US CLAIMS; BUT CONGRESS WOULD PROBABLY BALK AND PART 80 MILLION DOLS FROZEN BY US CLAIMED BY CHINESE LIVING IN TAIWAN--WHO COULD GO TO COURT/BLOCK DEAL. GWERTZMAN SAYS OFFICIALS REFUSE ACKNOWLEDGE, BUT IMPROVED RELS WITH PRC WAY BRING SUBTLE PRESSURE ON SOVS (SUN CARRIES BRIEF VERSION OF ARTICLE).

PRC INDICATES EXILED DALAI LAMA COULD RETURN TO TIBET IF HE ACCEPTED COMMUNIST CHINESE RULE (WP NEWS REPORT FROM PEKING).

ACCORDING KYODO REPORT, NPC VICE CHAIRMAN TAN CHEN-LIN TOLD JAPANESE VISITORS THAT 5TH NPC WILL CONVENE THIS FALL TO NAME PREMIER/VICE PREMIERS/OTHER TOP GOVT OFFICIALS (AP TOKYO IN SUN 5/1).

AFTER 2-MO ABSENCE, NO 2 MAN IN PRC HIERACHY, YEH CHIEN- UNCLASSIFIED

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YING, JOINED HUA FOR MEETING WITH BURMESE PRES U NE WIN

(NEWS BRIEF IN WP, 5/1).

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS PRC'S MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS TRANSFORMED INTO PROPAGANDA SPECTACLE PRAISING HUA/HIS VICTORY OVER RADICAL OPPONENTS. SAYS LENGTHY 3-PG HUA ARTICLE IN "PEOPLE'S DAILY" CONTAINED NO MAJOR POLICY SHIFTS/ GAVE INCREASED ATTENTION TO ECON MODERNIZATION/SAID PRC NEEDS MORE EXPERTS (NYT).

MENTION POSSIBLE EXPORT EMBARGO SAID TO FRIGHTEN US SOY-BEAN PRODUCERS, ALTHOUGH SECAGRI BERGLAND SAYS "ABSOLUTELY NOT" ANY CHANCE CARTER ADMIN WILL ORDER EXPORT EMBARGO ON SALES. AP ARTICLE NOTES RECENT PRC PURCHASE 7.3 MILLION BUSHEL FROM US SUPPLIERS RAISED CONCERN RE ANOTHER RUN ON NATION'S SKIMPY SUPPLY/ADMIN MIGHT BE FORCED INTO TYPE OF RATIONING ACTION. SAYS PRC BOUGHT SOYBEANS OF "OPTION ORIGIN," SO COULD COME FROM OTHER SOURCES (BRAZIL) AS WELL AS US. CHINESE ORDER NOT LARGE/PRC SPORADIC BUYER US FARM COMMODITIES (SUN 5/1).

GLOBE (5/1) REPORTS 5TH VOL MAO'S SELECTED WORKS HAS BROKEN ALL PRC PUBLISHING RECORDS WITH DISTRIBUTION/SALE 28 MILLION COPIES THUS FAR. FINAL PRINTING TO BE AROUND 200 MILLION COPIES.

TREASURY DEPT SAYS WON'T ADD DUTIES ON TAIWAN BICYCLES, DESPITE FINDING THAT IMPORTS SUBSIDIZED BY TAIWAN GOVT IN VIOLATION US COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAWS (WSJ).

9. JAPAN

IN WP ITEM 5/1, ROWEN REMARKS UK TRADE SEC DELL/US SPECIAL TRADE REP STRAUSS DELIVERED "ONE-TWO PUNCH" ON TRADE ISSUES RECENTLY IN TOKYO "THAT MAY BE UNPRECEDENTED." SAYS STRAUSS TOLD HIM HE USED "EXCEEDINGLY BLUNT LANGUAGE" UNCLASSIFIED

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IN TRYING GET JAPANESE ACCEPT "ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT" TO REDUCE COLOR TV EXPORTS. AFTER 6-HR, UNPRODUCTIVE SESSION, STRAUSS STATES, "I GOT UP, AND SAID I WAS GOING HOME...THAT APPARENTLY NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE." STRAUSS THINKS RESUMED NEGOTS IN WASHINGTON WILL COME UP W/AGREEMENT ADEQUATE TO PROTECT US COLOR-TV INDUSTRY.

SULZBERGER (NYT LONDON 4/30) SUPPORTS AMER FON SERVICE ASSN'S RECENT COMMUNICATION ADVOCATING MORE TOP APPOINTMENTS FOR CAREER OFFICERS. MENTIONS CARTER'S CHOICE "DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS" SUCH AS MANSFIELD; BUT STATES "WITH ALL THEIR QUALITIES, THEY ARE NOT PROS," MUST DEPEND "HEAVILY" ON DEPUTIES "WHILE LEARNING THE TRADE ON THE

JOB."

JOC'S MORISON REPORTS WHILE SWAPPING ARRANGEMENT W/JAPAN RE ALASKAN OIL SEEMS MOST ECONOMICAL, MOVE MAY BE "LEAST POLITIC," COULD CAUSE "SERIOUS UPROAR" IN MARITIME LABOR CIRCLES, "EVEN WORK STOPPAGES." SAYS FEA ADMINISTRATOR O'LEARY'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE INTERIOR CMTE SUBCMTE MADE NO MENTION POTENTIAL LABOR PROBLEMS; BUT OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS SAY PRO-SWAP DECISION, THEREBY BYPASSING USE US-FLAG VESSELS, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY TRIGGER WORK STOP-PAGES/MAY CLOSE PORTS.

10. KOREA

NYT'S MALCOLM (5/1 SEOUL) SEES CARTER'S HANDLING HUMAN RTS ISSUE IN SK "CRUCIAL MEASURE" OF "SUBSTANCE" IN HIS HUMAN RTS RHETORIC. NOTES DOS OFFICIALS EXPRESS "CONCERN" OVER RECENT WAVE ARRESTS, BUT CITE "STRATEGIC REASONS" FOR EXEMPTING SK FROM AID SANCTIONS FOR HUMAN RTS. STATES

DISSIDENTS' DISSASTISFACTION/DISILLUSIONMENT W/US FOCUSED ON AMB SNEIDER. QUOTES NATL COUNCIL CHURCHES IN KOREA GENRL SEC THAT SNEIDER "NOT BASICALLY COMMITTED TO HUMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHTS" IN SK; "WE NO LONGER TRUST HIM." SAYS WASHINGTON HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD SNEIDER BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN RTS ADVOCATES, BUT AMB "INFURIATED" LAST MO WHEN CODEL INSISTED ON MEETING DISSIDENT LEADERS. EMB OFFICIALS EXPLAIN SNEIDER'S APPROACH HAS BEEN QUIETLY SEEK MODERATE PARK POLICIES W/O GIVIING APPEARANCE OF FORCING ISSUE. ADD SINCE THIS STRATEGY CAN ONLY WORK IN SECRET, AMB CANNOT LIST SUCCESSES. MALCOLM FINDS SIGNS DISCONTENT AMONG SK'S GROWING RANKS URBAN WORKERS; MANY S KOREANS FEEL POOR WORKERS MAY CONFUSE PARK REGIME W/TRUE DEMOCRACY, EVENTUALLY CHOOSE COMMUNISM.

ROBT MOSES (NYT MAG 5/1) OFFERS ECON ADVICE TO "FIRST-WORLD STATESMEN" IN DEALING W/"THIRD-WORLD DEMANDS." STATES "NO SERIOUS COUNTRY" CAN MAKE HUMAN RTS "MAIN DETERMINANT" IN FOPOL, AND WHETHER US "FEELS EMBARRASSED ABOUT THEM OR NOT," NATIONS LIKE SK/BRAZIL/IRAN "ACTIVELY HOSTILE" TO USSR. US SHOULD RECOGNIZE COMMON INTERESTS W/THEM BEYOND TRADE/INVESTMENT. ADDS IT IS "CLEARLY ABSURD" EXPECT SAME STDS POL BEHAVIOR PREVALENT IN W DEMOCRACIES TO BE APPLIED IN 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES THAT ENJOY "NEITHER THE ECONOMIC BASE NOR THE SOCIAL COHESION TO PRACTICE THEM."

11. CHINA

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BYRD SAYS US SHOULD "MOVE WITH A LITTLE MORE DELIBERATE SPEED" TOWARD NORMALIZING RELS W/PRC/HASN'T READ "CLEAR INDICATION" ABANDONING TIES W/ TAIWAN PRICE FOR FULL DIPL RELS WITH PEKING (AP WSTAR 5/1).

"IF YOU'RE PURGED IN CHINA, HANG ON AND HOPE" IS TITLE OF (5/1 GLOBE) ARTICLE BY HARVARD'S ROSS TERRILL. TERRILL DISCUSSES MEANING OF PURGES. SAYS TO BE PURGED IN PRC NOT NECESSARILY TO BE FINISHED. SAYS SCORES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CASES OF PURGES COMING BACK FROM PIT TO RESUME TOP CAREERS.

ACCORDING TERRILL, PRC'S LIST OF 12 GREAT STRUGGLES HAVE LOT IN COMMON, DON'T RESEMBLE PURGES OF SOV UNION. NONE OF PURGES OR GROUPS OF PURGEES EVER EXECUTED. IMPRISONMENT RARE/OF SENIOR LEADER ALMOST UNKNOWN UNTIL "GANG OF FOUR." PURGES MORE FREQUENT OVER TIME, BUT WILL PROBABLY SLACKEN OFF W/OUT MAO. HUA WILL LIKELY NOT EXECUTE "GANG," BUT MAY MARCH THEM AROUND IN DUNCE CAPS. SAYS IF MRS MAO "DONE TO DEATH," PROBABLY NOT BY ACT OF CHINESE STATE BUT BY "BULLET IN ANGER" FROM UNOFFICIAL BUT NOT PRIVATE SOURCES.

NYT TRAVEL SECTION (5/1) CARRIES FEATURE BY GEORGE LANG ON HIS "TASTE OF CHINA" DURING VISIT WITH GROUP FROM "DANAE", FIRST WESTERN CRUISE SHIP TO VISIT PRC WATERS. LANGE, WHO REPORTEDLY HEADS OWN INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT CONSULTING FIRM AND FREQUENTLY WRITES ON FOOD/TRAVEL, DISCUSSES MEALS AT TUNG FANG HOTEL/MENTIONS HIS INTERVIEW/ MEAL WITH HOTEL'S CHIEF CHEF AND FARE/DECOR/ETC AT OTHER CANTON RESTAURANTS. HE CONCLUDES, "AS FAR AS THE WOULD-OR WILL-BE TRAVELER TO CHINA IS CONCERNED, I CAN REPORT THAT I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE AND IT NEEDS MORE SEASONING."

12. PARIS TALKS

BRADSHER (WSTAR 5/1) NOTES UNCERTAINTIES RE MIA INFO/ HANOI'S INSISTENCE ON AID MARK US-VN TALKS. QUOTES EA'S HOLBROOKE AT NEWS CONF LAST WK THAT US READY ESTABLISH DIPL RELS "IF MOVEMENT ON THE MIAS CONTINUES TO BE POSITIVE"; US PREPARED DISCUSS ANYTHING VIETS WANT--BUT IF HANOI MAKES AID ABSOLUTE PRECONDITION, PARIS NEGOTS WILL COME TO QUICK HALT. POINTS OUT OTHER OFFICIALS SAY ADMIN DOES NOT INTEND GET TIED DOWN IN LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, PREFERS TRY OPEN HANOI/WASHINGTON EMBS/WORK UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT PROBLEMS THRU NORMAL DIPL CHANNELS. ADDS CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO KEEPING TRADE EMBARGO ON UNTIL EMB FUNCTIONING IN HANOI.

BROWNING (CSM PARIS) QUOTES OFFICIALS BOTH SIDES THAT OPTIMISTIC/APPEAR IN HURRY PRODUCE RESULTS. BELIEVES POSSIBLE MAY DECIDE AGREE ON CERTAIN FUNDAMENTALS/LEAVE DISAGREEMENTS FOR LATER. THINKS LIKELY BOTH SIDES WOULD AGREE ESTABLISH SOME FORM DIPL RELS/VN WOULD MAKE PROMISE TO DO ALL CAN RE MIAS/US WOULD DROP ECON EMBARGO. OPINES MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IS US AID QUESTION.

13. INDOCHINA

WEINRAUB (NYT 5/1) NOTES SRV REFUSES SELL US ARMS, THO ASIA/AFRICAN COUNTRIES INTERESTED. ADDS HANOI ALSO DECLINES SUPPLY GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. ATTRIBUTES ATTITUDE IN PART TO DESIRE CEMENT ECON LINKS W NATIONS/RELUCTANCE BEING LABELED "EXPORTER OF REVOLUTION." QUOTES SOURCE THAT EQUIPMENT IS BURDEN/MUCH RUSTING.

AP (GLOBE, NYT, BOTH 5/1) DESCRIBES DIFFERING SITUATIONS IN NVN/SVN DESPITE OUTWARD SIGNS REUNIFICATION. NOTES NVN STILL LIVES SPARTAN LIFE. BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK 5/1),

IN 1ST OF 3 ARTICLES ON INDOCHINA 2 YRS AFTER WAR'S END, REVIEWS VN SITUATION. FINDS PROBLEMS OF PEACE ALMOST AS PAINFUL/INTRACTABLE AS PROBLEMS WAR. NOTES RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT/RE-EDUCATION CAMPS/SVN TREATED AS CONQUERED TERRITORY/RESETTLEMENT URBAN RESIDENTS IN COUNTRYSIDE. POINTS OUT COMMUNISTS CONSCIOUS OF PROBLEM, HAVE ADOPTED PRAGMATIC 5-YR PLAN THAT DROPS STRESS ON HEAVY INDUSTRY/GIVES PRECEDENCE AGRIC/LIGHT INDUSTRY. MENTIONS SPECULATION HANOI EAGER FOR END US TRADE EMBARGO. BELIEVES ETHNIC PREJUDICES BETW NVIETS/SVIETS PERSIST; SVIETS RESIGNED TO FATE/BITTER.

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ANDELMAN (BANGKOK), IN 2ND NYT ARTICLE ON INDOCHINA, DESCRIBES SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. QUOTES REFUGEE REPORTS THAT COUNTRY DESOLATE/BESET BY CROP FAILURES/DISINTEGRATING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS/PERVADED BY SENSE AIMLESSNESS/DRIFT. POINTS OUT THAT REPORTS FRAGMENTARY, BUT GENL PICTURE EMERGES OF SPREADING HUNGER/DISEASE/DESTRUCTION

OLD WAYS. ADDS REPORTS INDICATE MASS KILLINGS OVER/ARMY GROWING/CITIES GROWING AGAIN TO SOME DEGREE; POINTS OUT GREATEST CHANGE SEEMS BE IN VILLAGE LIFE. MENTIONS RELS W/VN ALMOST AS SOUR AS W/US.

NYT SPEC (ARANYAPRATHET) QUOTES CAMBODIAN ARM DEFECTOR THAT ARMY GROWS BY IMPRESSING SCORES INTO "SMALL" BATTALIONS. SAYS ARMY EXPANDING TO COPE W/PROBLEMS SECURITY/DEVELOPMENT THAT SUDDEN TAKEOVER CAUGHT ILL-PREPARED HANDLE; ARMY STILL ILL-FED/ILL-CLOTHED/ILL-EQUIPPED, RETAINING GUERRILLA WAR TECHNIQUES/PARANOIA. CONCLUDES EXPANSION APPARENTLY DESIGNED DOUBLE ARMY THAT HAD 50-60,000 AT WAR'S END.

14. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

AP'S GRAY (WP BANGKOK 5/1) LOOKS OVER SITUATION IN THAI REFUGEE CAMPS. MENTIONS MORE COME IN THAN CAN FIND PERMANENT HOMES O'SEAS. NOTES 77,000 IN THAI CAMPS 2/77; GIVES NUMBERS RESETTLED IN 3RD COUNTRIES. QUOTES REFUGEE/RELIEF WORKERS THAT BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR REFUGEES "DISAPPEAR INTO THE WOODWORK." DESCRIBES SITUATION IN CAMPS.

WP CARRIES 2 LENGTHY PG-1 ARTICLES BY KAISER/LESCAZE (5/1-2) ON REFUGEES IN US. NOTES FACE MANY PAINFUL CHALLENGES/VIETS FLOCK TO CALIF ATTRACTED BY CLIMATE/JOB/ WELFARE PAYMENTS.

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NYT SPEC (5/1) DESCRIBES SITUATION VIET REFUGEES IN ARK. MOST LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES/FEW ON WELFARE. LIFE ATTRACTS REFUGEES SCATTERED THRU LA/OKA/TEXAS. ANH-HUONG (WP) TELLS OF STRUGGLE TO REBUILD LIFE IN US. ADJUSTMENT MADE DIFFICULT BY STIGMA OF WAR MOST AMERICANS WANT FORGET. ANH (LAT 4/29) DESCRIBES CRISIS OF "NOT-QUITE-AMERICAN" TRYING ADJUST TO NEW HOMELAND.

15. INDONESIA

LEIFER (NYT LONDON 5/1) REMARKS IN INDO'S ELECTIONS THIS WK "LITTLE HAS BEEN LEFT TO CHANCE." POL PARTIES HAVE BEEN MERGED INTO 2 "SOMEWHAT ARTIFICIAL GROUPINGS" WHICH DO NOT POSE SERIOUS THREAT TO SUHARTO'S RULING PARTY. BELIEVES GOVT'S JUSTIFICATION POL CONTROL IN NAME DEVELOPMENT UNDERMINED BY ACCUMULATION WEALTH BY SUHARTO FAMILY/ QUESTIONABLE WEALTH DISTRIBUTION. NOTES INDONESIA VALUED IN WASHINGTON AS IMPORTANT ECON PARTNER OF JAPAN/FOR ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION. ASKS WHETHER UNDERLYING DISSENTION

GENERATED BY INDO'S DEVELOPMENT POLICY WILL IN TIME
"PROMOTE THE VERY OUTCOME IT IS INTENDED TO PREVENT."

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) REPORTS MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT SUHARTO'S
PARTY WIN ELECTION, BUT IF MARGIN FALLS BELOW OFFICIAL
TARGET, RESULT COULD BE PRESTIGE LOSS FOR SUHARTO GOVT.
STATES, ON OTHER HAND, TOO MASSIVE WINNING MAJORITY SURE
TO BRING ACCUSATIONS OF RIGGING. GOVT EXPECTS BENEFIT
FROM VILLAGE CHIEF/ARMY OFFICER SUPPORT, BOTH OF WHOSE
WORD HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL AT LOCAL LEVEL. NOTES FAIRNESS
VOTING PROCEDURES WILL BE DIFFICULT JUDGE, SINCE INDONESIAN
PRESS UNDER INFORMAL CENSORSHIP/FON REPORTERS BARRED FROM
COVERING ELECTION.

FROM CENTRAL JAVA, WP'S MCDONALD (LAT 4/29) DOES ITEM ON
INDONESIAN MYSTICISM/ITS INFLUENCE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY
LIVES. MANY SEE COMING ELECTIONS AS TEST SUHARTO'S DIVINE
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MANDATE TO RULE. CITES 1976 CASE IN WHICH 3 MEN ARRESTED/
THROWN IN JAIL AFTER ONE INSISTED HE HAD HEAVENLY MANDATE/
URGED SUHARTO RESIGN.
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